

VIRGINIA TEAM HARD AT WORK

First Game Will Be With the Episcopal High School on March 23d.

YOUNGSTERS HOPE TO WIN

Outlook for Varsity Team Is Gloomy—Many Kept from Applying for Positions.

[Special to the Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 14.—The weather man was again on his good behavior this week, and as a result the baseball squad of nearly fifty at the University of Virginia had another splendid week of outdoor work. This, too, in spite of the fact that the Blue Ridge Mountains, twenty miles distant and in sight of the ball park, are covered with snow. The only bad weather encountered was on Monday, when a steady rain fell throughout the morning. The weather Thursday, Friday, and to-day was balmy and spring-like, and in consequence the men let out a kink or two and got in some practice that will be of real benefit.

Coach Lannigan was greatly disappointed that no game could be arranged for to-day. He is anxious to see his wards in action, and is desirous of seeing the candidates line up next week against a strong "prep" school nine. He is of the opinion that such a practice will prove of more value than the daily work-out with the remainder of the squad; for despite the caution given the men will grow careless and fail to take the interest in the practice they show.

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Practice Not Good.

Of the practice games held during the week, the men showed up best in the six-inning contest Wednesday afternoon, when not a run was scored by either side, the pitchers being unusually steady. The following day, however, the exhibition was very poor, and this, too, with the prettiest weather of the week and the attendance the largest of the season, the grandstand being nearly filled with undergraduates, who seemed to fairly revel in the warm sunshine in anticipation of a lively season. Fulton, who last year ranked next to Sison, was touched up for three hits in the first inning, and did not appear to settle down during the afternoon. The Kentucky boy has the goods, however, and a little more practice will bring him around.

Cabanis, the crack backstop from Newberry College, S. C., put up a splendid game behind the bat, and the world pulled down high fads enthused the spectators. The prediction is already made that when he is not officially the catcher he will be utilized in the outfield, as he is a splendid hitter and is very fast on the bases. His base-running on Thursday greatly pleased the large crowd.

Or the freshman twirlers out for the team, the most promising thus far is Karl Walker, from Woodberry Forest School. The young southpaw is a consistent worker, and handles himself unusually well for a "prep" school player. He has a good build, and seems to possess excellent control. He had a fine record among the "prep" schools of the State last year.

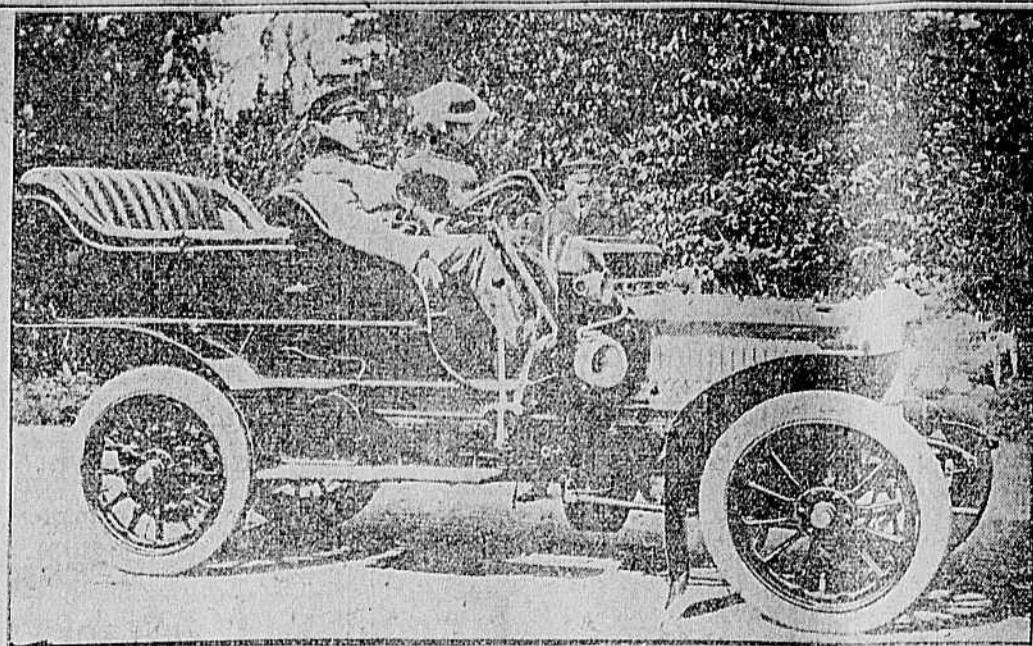
Bricker, of Los Angeles, is a promising candidate for second-base. Though rather small in stature, he seems to have the necessary ginger, and is not afraid to go after everything that comes his way. Williams, the former captain of the Leeland Stanton nine, who is also out for second, has been absent from the outfit a portion of the week. Maddux, who played the position very acceptably last year, has not yet come out, but is expected to don his suit this week.

Hume Makes Good.

Hume, formerly of Woodberry, and substitute halfback on the football team last fall, seems to have cut a place in the outfit. He never goes to sleep on the bases.

It would not be surprising to see another Woodberry player in the lineup. Bowe, who put up such a good article of ball behind the bat for the

ALPHONSO A ROYAL SPORTSMAN



KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN.

Orange nine last season, was given his first trial at the initial sack Thursday afternoon, and performed very creditably. He was especially good at trapping the ball and stepped around surprisingly quick.

Despite the apparent difficulty encountered in filling some of the positions, the college at large has great faith in the ability of "Pop" Lannigan to turn out another nine at least the

equal of the team he has developed in the past two years. When he took hold of baseball at the university two years ago, the material was thought to be the least promising in a decade, but under his able direction there was rounded out an aggregation which twice wrested the championship from the University of North Carolina and held its own with the big college nine.

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BOAT CLUB HOPES FOR FINE SEASON

Will Send Crew to Middle States Regatta, and Will Have Races Here in July.

Members of the Virginia Boat Club are looking forward to one of the most prosperous and successful years in their history, having secured the services of Mr. C. W. Heox, who so successfully guided them in winning the season's race, coach and trainer for the coming season, and having made plans which should develop a crew of the first water.

At a recent meeting, which was attended by about 100 members, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President: Judge Beverly T. Crump; Vice-President, W. Gray Watson; Treasurer: Charles R. Burnett; Secretary: W. B. Clayburn; Captain: W. E. Newtow; Vice-Captain: Director: Messrs. Leroy D. Grant, John Bates, R. B. Forrest, Irvin W. Williams, William Smith and W. L. Gilliam. A splendid supper was served after the business session and spirits ran high.

The club expects to hold a regatta in local waters during July, and expects to send a crew to the Middle States regatta, which will probably be held in Baltimore. Training will start this week, and Mr. Heox is expected to arrive with his crew.

A few meetings are left in the club membership, and a meeting will be held shortly to determine what candidates the privileges of the club will be extended. Many improvements have been suggested, and the members expect to have a new boat built.

Pennsylvania Defeats Georgetown. PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 14.—The University of Pennsylvania basketball team, the intermediate champions of the East, tonight defeated Georgetown, the champions of the South, by a score of 33 to 17.

ANNAPOLEIS, MD., March 14.—The

Navy Athletic Association has awarded a gold medal to Midshipman Harold A. Waddington for the best all-around athlete at the academy this year. Midshipman Waddington won by one point from Midshipman Walter D. Lamont, of Niagara Falls, New York.

The decision was based on gymnastic work and follows the recent competition

Samples of Spring Suits Mailed to Out-of-Town Trade.

Manhattan Shirts.

Tyler's
FIRST AND BROAD STS.
E. & W.
Collars for
Men and
Boys.

Knowing How to Dress Well

Is more essential than knowing how to talk well. People are more ready to believe what they see than what they hear.

Our New Spring Clothes

Cannot be equaled in tasteful fashions among the swell tailor shops, but they sell at half the prices. In no other clothing can you